

## SW/SE ANC MEETING

SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission (2D) will hold its next business meeting on Monday, Jan. 31, 8 pm at the EPA West Tower. This meeting will replace the previously scheduled Feb. 2 meeting.

Important items on the agenda include appointment of three new commissioners and election of ANC 1977 officers.

## SOUTHWEST ZONING PROPOSAL OPPOSED

W community groups and individuals were unanimous in asking the DC Zoning Commission to adopt a special zoning classification for the SW Urban Renewal Plan. In opposing the Municipal Planning Office proposal, the residents stated a desire for "enforcement of the Urban Renewal Plan" which they believed would not be possible under the proposal.

Objection was also given to changes that could occur after the renewal plan expires in 1996, since the proposed zoning is much more permissive in uses for townhouse areas, the waterfront and Town Center Plaza (Waterside Mall.)

Many also said it would legalize use of the tower buildings (EPA) as general office buildings which is prohibited by the Urban Renewal Plan.

Infant Plaza Properties, Inc. testified at the hearing that "the proposed zoning presently under consideration by this Commission would, if passed in its present form, not comply in violation of law and not within the authority of your Commission, but would also create total chaos and confusion as to precisely what land-use restrictions apply to the area of the City effected."

Comments on the proposal will be accepted by the Zoning Commission until Jan. 25. Eventually the proposal will be discussed and decision made at a regular meeting of the D.C. Zoning Commission which meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. To find out if it is on the agenda, call Arthur Hatton at 629-4426 on the Monday before the 2nd Thursday.

## JEFFERSON HOME & SCHOOL MEETING

The Home and School Community Assn. of Jefferson High School will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 7 pm in cafeteria of school. Report cards will be issued and parent-teacher conferences will be held.

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## CITY ADMINISTRATOR HEADS MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON WATERSIDE MALL

The initial meeting of the Waterside Mall Task Force was convened on Jan. 12, 1977 by Chairman Julian Dugas. In response to the community's request for agreement on its long and short term goals, Dugas agreed to accept only the short range goals. These include improvement of corridor outside Safeway, adequate fencing around excavations and removal of Metro storage area on the M St. side of the mall.

Although no vote was requested of the Task Force, Dugas, as the chair, refused to consider the long range goals at this time. These include the completion of the mall and obtaining a small department store.

Al Miller, acting administrator of Development Administration, RLA, announced that the Bresler & Reiner, Inc. (the mall developers) request to have the unconstructed part of the project divided into three parts "was denied by RLA and the performance requirements of the existing lease are still in effect."

The developer's request came in response to an RLA letter of Sept. 30, 1976, which stated that Bresler & Reiner, Inc. is in breach of its contract for not proceeding with construction on the M St. site and for failing to file approvable final plans for the I St. site.

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(II) FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES - A continuation of the fall seminar taught by Robert Flaten of the State Department Congressional Liaison Office with sessions conducted by seminar members who work on Capitol Hill and in foreign policy positions. Discussion of the tension between politics and ethics in a democracy - "Fishbowl Diplomacy". Thursday evenings at 7:30 beginning Feb. 17, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M Sts. Call 484 3189 between 9 am and noon to register.

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## SCHOLARSHIP FUND CAMPAIGN BEGINS

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## NEW EVIDENCE FOR BUZZARD PT. SUIT

Counsel for Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Southwest Community House, etc., filed additional memoranda in U.S. District Court in support of contention that an environmental impact statement is required for General Services Administration (GSA) to lease the building at 1900 Half St. SW. One memo states belief that facts developed in the Tauber Deposition establish that the builders were "induced to seek a new permit, execute a construction contract, repeatedly change plans and forestall action, seek & obtain financing & finally, in frustration at repeated delays, begin excavation of the site in an attempt to satisfy the requirements of the GSA Solicitation, and that such inducement was the primary reason for construction of the building"

The second memo gives previously unknown evidence presented by GSA employees at the Dec. 17, 1976 hearings, conducted by Congressman Dingell's Subcommittee on Energy & Power. "The hearings demonstrated that GSA regulations in force at the time the negative environmental declaration was prepared and the lease award was made on June 3, 1975, required that the GSA Office of General Counsel and the Director of Environmental Affairs must concur with the negative declaration before any further action could be taken on the project. Both officials refused to concur and refused to sign the negative declaration. Thus the award of the lease was prohibited by regulations. The lease award was illegal."

The SWNA Executive Board voted to ask the Assembly's approval at the Jan. 27 meeting, for a \$250 expenditure from general funds be used for Buzzard's Point legal fees. If approved, there will still be an outstanding balance of \$350.

Persons interested in supporting this effort are invited to make a tax-deductible contribution. Checks, payable to the "S.W. Community Council, Inc." may be sent c/o the Southwester, P.O. Box 8194, Wash. D.C. 20024.

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## NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY ELECTION

The Assembly's Nomination Committee, comprised of Mary Lilla Browne as Chairperson, Spencer Scott, Catherine Rippey, Clara Brewer, Lorraine Bawner and Alan Palm, is seeking candidates for Pres., Vice-Pres., Sec., Treas. and two representatives from each of the seven SMD in SW, giving a total of 14 SMD representatives. To be eligible for office you must eighteen (18) years of age or over and residing in the area of SW north of the Anacostia River. All persons interested are urged to call Mary Lilla Browne at 554-3164 or write to her at 201 Eye St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024. Nominations will be closed following additional nominations from the floor at the Feb. 24 Assembly meeting. Each SWNA candidate is invited to submit a statement of 30 words or less to the SOUTHWESTER for publication in the March issue. Deadline is March 1st. The Assembly elections will be held on March 24, 25 & 26 at Waterside Mall. Southwest Community House Board of Directors will also hold their election at the same time. The voting poll will be staffed by volunteers from both organizations. Election Committee coordinators are Helen Westbrook and Margaret Reuss.

## JEFFERSON MAKES CLEAN SWEEP

Jefferson Jr. High School students won three top prizes in city-wide "Black History Month Poster Contest" sponsored by the Washington Gas Light Co. Winners were: 1st prize of \$75 - Gary Taylor; 2nd prize of \$50 - Denise Allen; 3rd prize of \$25 - Antoinette Scott. Congratulations!

## MARCH 10 - WATERSIDE MALL HEARINGS

Public hearings on Waterside Mall will be held by Councilman John A. Wilson, Chairman of Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs. The hearing is Thursday, March 10, 1977 at 6 pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M Sts. S.W. Should more time be needed, additional time will be announced. One question which the hearings will hopefully answer is "What obligations does the District Government have in meeting consumer & community need pertaining to Waterside Mall which is part of the SW Urban Renewal Area?"

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about an eyesore which causes disruption of life despite expenditures of large amounts of public funds. This money was supposed to eliminate blight in the SW Urban Renewal Area. Has the government failed to accept its responsibility toward reversing these conditions? As a resident of SW, you may have been inconvenienced and annoyed by the developer's lack of construction. We have been awaiting completion of the mall for the past ten years. But it still remains an example of "Urban Blight." Completion of Waterside Mall could help the city to broaden its tax base and generate new jobs, which could be filled by SW residents.

Southwest residents, tenants' councils, boards of directors, organizations who wish to testify on the background, the present situation, and/or the future of Waterside Mall should contact Barbara Grau at 724-8013 or 724-8113 by the close of business on Friday, March 4, 1977. Written statements should also be submitted by that date. If you will be unable to appear at the hearings but wish to submit a written statement, it should be sent to Robert Williams, Council Secretary, District Building, 14th & E Sts. NW, Washington, D.C.

**ANC OFFICERS FOR 1977 ARE:** Richard Westbrook ,  
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**JOINT MEETING  
SW/SE ANC & SW ASSEMBLY**

**February 24, 1977 at 8 pm  
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
3rd & M Sts. S.W.**

## AGENDA

1. Assembly nomination committee report & additional nominations from floor
2. SWCH Board nominating committee will accept additional nominations from floor
3. Motion in opposition to relocation of Police Helicopter Unit to SW waterfront
4. Film on 1976 SW Festival of the Arts
5. D.C. Statehood Bill - Panel Discussion



### ANC ACTS ON CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ISSUES

The SW/SE ANC approved resolutions at its January 31 meeting asking John Wilson to reintroduce the "Resident Councils Act" and asking the City Council to give its support to ANCs as the "citizen participation mechanism" under Community Development grants.

The Resident Councils Act, which is strongly backed by the Greenleaf Residents Councils, would give the resident councils in public housing new authority to participate in setting property priorities, choosing new employees, and enforcing residency rules.

The ANC also passed a resolution asking Congress to allow the District to take care of recent allegations of "nepotism" on its own and not to interfere with Home Rule.

### NON-VOTING NEIGHBORHOOD DELEGATES JOIN ANC

Leon Fields (SMD 7), Mair Moody (SMD 5), and Grace Savage (SMD 4) have been seated as non-voting neighborhood Delegates on the ANC - filling vacancies.

The three Delegates will represent their SMDs on the ANC but will be unable to vote on official business until the City Council passes special legislation to allow ANC vacancies to be filled officially. The ANC has requested urgent action by the Council to do this.

### ANC COMMUNITY LIAISONS APPOINTED

The ANC has approved the appointment of Roy Adams to be the ANC's liaison to the 1st District Police Citizen Advisory Council and Marie Andrews to be the liaison to the SHACK (Services Helping Addicts Come Klean) Advisory Board.

### STATEHOOD, INITIATIVE QUESTIONS ON AGENDA OF NEXT ANC MEETING

ANC 2D will hold its next regular business on March 2 at 8 pm in the auditorium of the EPA West Tower at 400 M Street, SW

Topping the agenda will be a consideration of city council legislation which would start the machinery for the District of Columbia to become the State of Columbia. Another bill which is to be considered is one which would give the people the right to pass laws ("initiatives") and veto laws passed by the city council (referendums). Both bills have been introduced by Julium Hobson.

This meeting is open to the public and SW/SE residents are invited to tell their SMD Commissioners what they think about these bills or to write the ANC at P.O. Box 24034; Washington, D.C. 20024.

### PETITION DRIVE FOR COMMUNITY CENTER

The SW/SE ANC and Friends of Southwest Youth have combined forces to call all SW organizations into a coalition to coordinate a petition drive for a community center. The coalition will also survey available facilities, resources and groups in the SW with social action programs. A coalition meeting will be held March 9th at 8 pm at Christ Methodist Church, 4th & Eye Sts., SW. Organizations are asked to call Wesley Long, 554-3353 at night or 377-5248 during the day with names of representatives who will attend.

### OPPOSITION TO DEVELOPMENT OF S.E. 40 ACRES

Following two Community Meetings, one held at the Arthur Capper recreation center at the end of November and another in mid-January at St. Vincents Church, the SW/SE ANC has advised the D.C. government not to proceed with its plans to develop a 40 acre tract in near Southeast.

The resolution passed by the Commission argues that a "general plan for the entire South Capitol Street/Buzzard Point area" should be adopted before the District government signs 'any agreements for planning and for private development of the 40 acre tract south of M Street between South Capitol Street and First Street, S.E. that is sometimes known as 'the South Capitol Street Development Area.' "

Residents participating in the two Town Meetings said they were afraid that people now living in the target area will be forced to move far away and that this will increase pressure to redevelop (and dislocate) the people living on the southwest side of South Capitol Street as well. Many people also objected that development of the 40 acres on a piecemeal basis would undermine the work of the joint community-government task force that has prepared overall planning for the South Capitol Street/Buzzard Point area.

The issue will soon come before the city council. A resolution has been introduced, apparently at the request of the Department of Housing and Community Development, to give the Council's approval to the Department's redevelopment plans.

These developments are being watched by the South Capitol Street/Buzzard Point Committee, chaired by Vivian Williams of Friendship House, which has been set up by the ANC, Friendship House, Southwest House and the SWNA.

### COMING HOME TO ROOST (HOW NOT TO GET HOME RULE)

A work group was formed on January 12, 1977 by Julian Dugas, the City Administrator, to study some short-range issues concerning Waterside Mall. The work group was to report back on the issues in two weeks to the Mayor's Task Force on Waterside Mall. Four weeks later, at press time, the City Administrator had not convened the work group.

Galen Yoder, a representative on the Mayor's Task Force told the SOUTHWESTER, "The City Fathers are demonstrating their suicidal attitude towards total home rule. With more than thirty Congressmen and several hundred Capitol Hill employees living in close proximity to the Mall, it is hard to believe that the City would attempt to stonewall the special Task Force."

### LIBRARIAN ON THE AIR

"The Lost Half Hour", a 30 minute program for children by Erika Stokes, is being aired on WGTB-FM at 90.1 on the dial. Ms. Stokes is children's librarian in the Southwest Library. The program is heard Wednesdays from 12.05 to 12.35 pm and Saturdays, 8:30 to 9 am in a blend of contemporary and traditional stories, songs, poetry and games.

The title is chosen from a fairy tale by Henry Beston, in which a young man searches for the half hour "lost" by a princess who overslept. After many adventures and a year spent in service to Father Time and his sons, The Hours, the young man is given a box containing one half hour to be used as he chooses, but only once.

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## METRO UPDATE

Metro officials had little good news for SW residents at the Jan. 31 Assembly meeting. Train service to the Waterfront Station will not begin before 1983. Citing prohibitive expense, Donald O'Hearn, Office of Program Control, ruled out the possibility of a shuttle train between Waterfront and L'Enfant Plaza. There was also the problem of no emergency braking distance (1200 ft.) at the end of the station. However, Walter Merglesberg, Office of Construction, announced that construction of Waterfront Station was complete and M Street would be restored by mid-summer. Except for installation of escalators and attaching the granite facings to the entrance, there will be no further Metro construction at 4th and M Streets. The entrance to the station will be securely covered and the 6 foot stockade fence will be removed. Merglesberg also promised that the parking lot at 3rd & M will be cleared of construction materials before the summer's end.

In a discussion which lasted nearly two hours, Metro officials and about 50 interested Southwest residents explored the alternatives for early train service to Southwest. O'Hearn set the cost for building a cross-over just beyond the Waterside Station at about 3 million. Additional funds would have to be expended to fit out the station as a terminal point. William Fauntroy, Office of Planning, indicated that Metro preferred a plan which would locate a temporary terminal at Anacostia. This would allow a greater number of people to use the subway. But such a solution is still years away because final planning has not been done and funds are not available.

Up to the very day of the meeting with Southwest residents, this plan for an Anacostia terminal had been delayed by the Metro Board's inability to choose a route for crossing the Anacostia River at the Navy Yard. Cody Pfanstiehl revealed, however, that the Metro Board had given orders to the staff to discard all possible crossings for planning purposes other than the so-called "southern crossing". The Metro staff must now prepare final design drawings and an environmental impact statement. When these are completed, a public hearing will be held to consider views on the river crossing. Pfanstiehl, Director of Public Relations, urged that Southwest residents attend the

hearings and present testimony in favor of completion of the line. The southern crossing point will avoid the problem of tunneling under the historic buildings at the Navy Yard.

Expressing some amazement, Fauntroy indicated that Southwest was the only Washington area neighborhood pushing to have early train service. In most neighborhoods the trains are unwanted. In fact, the Greenbelt-Suitland line, which runs through Southwest, has been delayed, according to Metro officials, by community opposition to the routes both southeast of the Anacostia station and North of the U Street station.

Metro officials also indicated that the major problem in any solution to train service to Southwest involves money. O'Hearn indicated that the budget which had been recently sent to the Congress included a stringent limit on Metro spending. The audience reminded him that there was a new President and most likely would be a new budget.

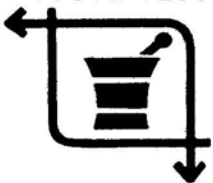
Metro officials also denied strenuously that subway construction has prevented completion of Waterside Mall. The differences in grade between the street and the parking lots cited by the Mall's developer are 2½ inches according to a Metro survey. In addition, there is no Metro construction on the North side of the Mall to hinder completion of the shops and stores promised as part of the Southwest Urban Renewal Plan.

Metro officials at the Town Hall meeting were firmly reminded of the Cincinnati subway, which had been built in 1923 and abandoned before a single train could run. They were told that Southwest would not tolerate such abandonment of the Waterside Station.

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## FROM THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUC. December 15, 1977

### VII. Members Business

C. Mrs. Barbara Lett Simmons brought the following  
observations to the attention of the Board:

4. Conference participants visiting the city from  
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## THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN SOUTHWEST BY WILBUR HUGHES

In the 1840's and 50's, Southwest Washington was  
significantly involved in the vast, clandestine operation  
known as the "underground railroad" - U.R.R. During  
this period, hundreds of slaves used the U.R.R. to  
escape to the northern states and Canada. Southwest  
Washington became a local center of both a land and a  
water route in the U.R.R.

The Sixth Street Wharf was the water route station.  
It can be documented, that in 1847, Daniel Drayton, a  
Chesapeake Bay waterman, took a slave family of five  
on board his boat, sailed to Frenchtown on the upper  
Eastern Shore of Maryland on the Elk River, where the  
family continued overland to Canada.

During this period, the Reverend Anthony Bowen, a  
black who had purchased his freedom, was the pastor of  
St. Paul AME Church, then located in the present  
vicinity of L'Enfant Plaza. Bowen hid fleeing slaves in  
the Church and his nearby residence until land or water  
transport could be arranged. Bowen's church and resi-  
dence were torn down about 20 years ago during the  
renewal of Southwest.

It would seem appropriate, that beginning this month  
- February is Black History Month - the D.C. City  
Council act to provide for the erection of black historical  
site markers in Southwest and other areas of the Nation's  
Capital.

Residents of Southwest having similar thoughts  
might forward a copy of this article to their Councilman,  
the Honorable John Wilson.

## APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR SWNA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is once again  
offering SCHOLARSHIPS to Southwest residents who  
are high school seniors or already attending college.  
The scholarships will be awarded to students who are  
in financial need and good standing in school.

Forms for the application may be obtained through  
high school counselors at Woodrow Wilson, Anacostia  
and Eastern High Schools, through the Southwest  
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The deadline for returning applications is April 30.

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## REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER JOBS!

Now is the time for youths, 14 - 21, to begin preparing  
themselves to get SUMMER JOBS, according to Raymond  
Dickey, head of DC government summer jobs program.

To get a job through the DC government, youths must  
be registered. To become registered they must have a  
copy of their birth certificate, an income certification  
form, and a social security card. Since it takes 6 - 10  
weeks to receive a social security card, youths should  
apply NOW.

Youths in Southwest may register at the mini-employ-  
ment center at Western High School, or at Randall  
Jr. High (Tuesdays and Thursdays only); Kay Albury  
is the "Job Developer." Youths in Southeast should  
go to Western High. Myer Waxler is the "Job Developer"  
there.

## SW LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Feb. 23 Job & Career film series;  
Keeping Up with the Changing World  
Feb. 28 - (Mon. & Wed.) Civilization Series  
Mar. 23 by Kenneth Clarke at 6:30 pm

Mar. 19 (Sat.) Job Information Workshop with  
representatives from D.C. Dept of  
Manpower, 12 noon to 5:30 pm  
(preparing a resume, how to market  
your skills, how to complete job appli-  
cations, how to conduct job interviews).

## D.C. REC TO STAGE KIDS' GALA

Youngsters in Southwest, age 12 and younger, are  
invited to a Kids' Gala on Saturday, March 5. Disco  
dancing will be featured, along with games, door prizes,  
and refreshments. The Gala will be held from 3 to  
6 pm at the King-Greenleaf Community Recreation  
Center, 201 N Street, SW. Admission is \$1.00. For  
further details, phone 484-3161.

## FUND RAISING - - - RAFFLE

1200 Delaware Ave. Tenants Council is sponsoring a  
raffle. Prizes are: 1st- portable washer & dryer,  
2nd- 19" portable color TV, 3rd- polaroid Pronto  
camera. Proceeds will be used as follows: 25% for  
SW Assembly's Scholarship Fund and 75% for Tenant  
Council activities & projects. Chances are 25 cents  
each or a book of 8 for \$2.00. Contact fund raising  
chairman Jim Jones at 554-2273.

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## **SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY MEETING**

Thursday, March 31, 1977 at 8 p.m.  
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
Delaware Avenue & M Street, S.W.

### **Agenda:**

- Announcement of SWNA Election Results
- Vote on Motion that Assembly be a Sponsor of  
City-wide Convention of ANCs & Neighborhood  
Organizations
- SWNA Committee Reports
- "Goals & Policies" Presentation by representative  
from Municipal Planning Office; Special Focus  
will be given to
  - land use
  - housing
  - schools
  - delivery of health system

## **TERRORIST ACTIVITIES CANCEL WATERSIDE MALL HEARING**

In the wake of terrorist activities, Councilman John Wilson was forced to cancel the Waterside Mall Hearings, which were scheduled for March 10th.

In an interview with Wilson staff member Barbara Grau, THE SOUTHWESTER learned that five members of Wilson's staff were involved in the fifth floor District Building scene -- 2 as hostages and 3 barricaded in City Council offices directly behind the hostages (and gunmen). Grau also reported that Wilson himself had gone directly to B'nai B'rith headquarters to help with negotiations. Thus he was not at City Hall when the siege began there.

Just minutes before the siege began at the District Building, the SW Assembly had been informed that Councilman Marion Barry would be in attendance at the Waterside Mall hearings.

Unfortunately, since this issue of SWer is going to press on March 10th, it is too early to say when the hearing will be rescheduled.

## **ON THE WATERSIDE MALL HEARINGS**

Added support has come (to SW residents) from the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations which voted at its February 25th meeting to endorse the efforts of the SW Neighborhood Assembly to (rescue the original Mall concept) secure consumer and community needs at Waterside Mall.

## **ASSEMBLY & SWCH TO HOLD ELECTIONS**

All SW residents, 18 years or older, are eligible to vote in the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and Southwest Community House Elections. A total of 18 SW residents will be elected to the Assembly's Executive Board: 4 at-large Officers and 14 Representatives, 2 from each of the 7 SMDs in SW. The Southwest Community House election will add 24 members to the 39 member board. Qualifications for the SWCH Board are residency in Southwest or having indicated support of the community house by financial contribution. (*Polling location & hours are listed in box below; listing of candidates appear on page 2 and 3.*)

## **MORE ON THE MALL HEARINGS**

Local 3331 of the American Federation of Government Employees recently made some remarks on Waterside Mall in their newsletter:

It is difficult not to be critical of the way Waterside Mall has turned out. It looks more like Carthage after the Third Punic War than the diversified shopping complex it was supposed to be. It's a great place to shop if you want a wig or a fast hamburger, but in almost every other regard this place is a total flop. We deserve better. At present, it would seem to qualify as an Urban Blight Demonstration Project.

AFGE Local 3331 is the employee union at E.P.A. which is located at the Mall and the two adjacent towers.

## **SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY ELECTION**

**4 at-large Officers & 2 Representatives  
from your Single Member District**

**and**

## **SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY HOUSE BOARD ELECTION**

**24 Members**

## **VOTE AT WATERSIDE MALL (main concourse)**

<b>Thursday, March 24</b>	<b>from 5 - 7 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, March 25</b>	<b>from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, March 26</b>	<b>from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.</b>



## CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE SW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

### FOR PRESIDENT (vote for one)

**KATHLEEN T. STIEF:** Served on Assembly's Executive Board for past 6 years, currently as President. Assembly's joint committee system with ANC should continue and be strengthened by involvement of more SW residents.

### FOR VICE PRESIDENT (vote for one)

**CHARLES W. HARGRAVE:** Objectives would be: create more efficient structure for SW Assembly; improve flow of information to and from the community; provide for increased interfacing between Assembly and other community organizations.

### FOR SECRETARY (vote for one)

**ESTELL LLOYD:** A progressive and industrious individual, Ms. Lloyd is an active participant in the political arena. A prolific writer, she has been successfully employed as proof-reader, curriculum writer and English/Foreign Language instructor.

### FOR TREASURER (vote for one)

**BARBARA BRANNAN:** Presently serving as treasurer of SWNA. Since 1972 has participated in various committees on SW Festival of the Arts & 1976 City Celebration held in S.W.

**EDWARD H. WOLTERBEEK:** Sponsor more fund raising projects and apply accounting skills to Treasurer position. Active citizen. Involved in federal credit union movement. Toastmaster treasurer. Has BA & MBA degrees. AFGE union steward.

### CANDIDATES FOR SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS

**SMD 1 Town Square Towers, Town Square Commons, Town Square Townhouses, Waterside Towers, Town Center West (1000 & 1100 6th St.)**  
(vote for two)

**GERALDINE BELL:** President D.C. Democratic Women, Member Trinity College Board, Former officer St. Cecelia's Academy School Board. Especially interested in increasing recreational facilities and programs and broadening scope to serve all ages.

**JOEL BENNETT:** (self-employed lawyer) is President of the Waterside Towers Tenants Council. He has increased its membership by more than 50 percent. His main community interest is improving Waterside Mall.

**JOHN W. BROWN:** I appreciate the opportunity to represent SMD 1 to seek city government action: Residential Parking, Opening of the Southwest Subway Station, Housing, Recreation, Beautification, and use of Parcel 76.

**ALAN SCOTT PALM:** I am running for reelection to continue to serve you in meeting our community's needs. I am experienced, and concerned about the quality of our community.

**ERIC G. SEWELL:** A founder and first President of Waterside Tenants Council; former Treasurer of Southwest Community House and President of Board of Directors; Board of Southwest Assembly; Board of Directors, United Way.

**SMD 2 Capitol Park Townhouses, High rises at 800 4th St., 101-103 and 301 G Street** (vote for two)

**AUDREY AUSTIN:** S.W. resident for 11 years. She has taught in S.W. schools for 14 years and is presently employed at Anthony Bowen Elem. School as a Special Education teacher.

**SMD 3 Greenleaf Annex and High Rises at 201 Eye, 1001 & 1101 3rd Street** (vote for two)

**ELLA MAE BREWER:** Attended elementary and junior high school in Southwest area. Graduated Shaw University, Raleigh, N. Car. (Behavioral Sciences). Presently enrolled in a dual master program, Southeastern University (Business and Public Administration).

**ALICE BELL FINLAYSON:** S.W. Assembly delegate to Federation of Civic Assoc.; formerly Hilldale delegate, and Secretary of committee to coordinate two federations. Former Principal, Birney School, and Director, SSI. Life memberships NAACP; Council of Negro Women.

**PHYLLIS MARTIN:** My concerns are: improve National Capitol Housing Authority maintenance, SW Health Center services, police service by providing foot patrols. Convert vacant lots to housing. Three years on-job training programs to provide skills.

**SMD 4 Tiber Island, Harbour Square, Edgewater, Finley House, Channel Square & Fort McNair** (vote for two)

**ANN JACKSON:** Native Tennessean, attended Howard University, employed by Georgetown Community Health Plan. Believe Southwest has fundamental ingredients of ideal community and would like to participate in community affairs to realize that potential.

**SGT. PAT McQUIGAN:** Sgt. McQuigan notified us that he would not be submitting a statement. (This is the first time we have had a candidate from Fort McNair.)

**SPENCER SCOTT:** Southwest Assembly Executive Board should be an umbrella for all committees and organizations. The assembly could serve as a catalyst for these organizations giving greater emphasis to unified community without duplication.

**JUANITA WALKER:**

**GRANVILLE W. WOODSON:** Southwest homeowner since 1962, with confidence in the area and willing to work to make it even better. Now retired; with 37 years civil engineering and related experience.

**SMD 5 St. James, River Park & Carrollsburg Square** (vote for two)

**DONALD L. BAKER:** C & P Telephone Company 8 years community relations team, goal - political understanding and involvement for all SW residents.

**LUCIA A. RAPLEY:** A 15 year resident. Among other things, I will continue to work for a completed SHOWCASE MALL, high standards of healthful living, more civic and social involvement by concerned citizens.

**SMD 6 High rises at 1200 Delaware Ave. & 203 N St., James Creek between M & N Sts., 1200 block of Half St. & Carrollsburg Place** (vote for two)

**ANNA JOHNSON:**

**OZZIE LITTLE:**

**EULA PORTER:**

**SMD 7 James Creek between N & O Sts., Syphax Gardens, Housing on P, O, Q Sts. between S. Capitol St. & 2nd St. SW, on S. Capitol, Half, 1st & 2nd Sts. between O & Q Sts.** (vote for two)

**MARGARET BRISCO:**

**ERNESTINE COLLINS:** I have lived on P Street since 1972. Am Vice President of Syphax Tenant Council and concerned about the environment and living conditions in Syphax and the development of it.

## ANC ADVISES COUNCIL ON S. CAPITOL STREET REDEVELOPMENT

The ANC has given a "yellow" light to plans to redevelop the South Capitol Street area. Support for redevelopment of 40 acres in Southeast along South Capitol Street below M Street .. being sought by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

DHCD head Lorenzo Jacobs has asked the City Council to pass a resolution (PR-2-15) endorsing his department's plan to offer a \$300,000 feasibility and planning contract. In response the ANC at its March 2 meeting has asked the City Council to make some important changes in the resolution in order to make sure that the rights of the neighborhood and the city as a whole are protected.

A major issue is what will happen to the approximately 450 people now living in the so-called South Capitol Street Development Area (SCSDA). The dislocation caused by urban renewal in Southwest is still a bitter memory to many people who spoke at two Community Meetings sponsored by the ANC. In order to make sure that the experience is not repeated, the ANC has asked the City Council to declare in advance it will not approve any redevelopment plan or condemn any land until the housing needs of the current residents are handled satisfactorily. In addition, the ANC asks the Council to go on record in favor of earmarking an "adequate" percentage of new residential construction for low and moderate income families.

Dravo Corporation, which has expressed interest in redeveloping the South Capitol Street area, has proposed building 3,000 to 4,000 residential units to shelter 7,000 to 10,000 people.

A second major concern expressed in the Community Meetings is the fear that DHCD's plan to request redevelopment in only 10 of the 170 acres in the South Capitol Street/Buzzard Point area represents a piecemeal approach to planning. Since the Municipal Planning Office expects to release a general land

use plan for the city by summer, the ANC also advised the city that the \$100,000 detailed planning study be held up until there is an approved general land use plan. The ANC's intent is to make sure that the DHCD sponsored study does not conflict with MPO plan and long-standing citizen efforts for coordinated and comprehensive growth of the ANC area.

The ANC also suggested that the contractor be directed to study the cost of increased public services such as, police, fire, education and that an outside party be hired to do an independent evaluation of the contractor's feasibility study. The purpose of these suggestions is to make sure that redevelopment of the area, which is being promoted as a way of increasing tax revenues to the city, does not turn out to cost the city more than it brings in.

The ANC also suggested that ANC and Council approval, not merely advice, be obtained before a planning contract is awarded and before a contractor is selected.

These developments are being monitored by the South Capitol Street/Buzzard Point Committee chaired by Vivian Williams. The Committee is co-sponsored by the ANC, Friendship House, Southwest House and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Council action on PR 2-15 was tentatively scheduled for March 22.

## LONG APPOINTED TO D.C. GAMBLING COMMISSION

Wesley Long, Treasurer and past chairperson of the SW/SE ANC has been appointed to the Citizen's Gambling Study Commission for the District of Columbia. Long who is an economist at the U.S. Department of Commerce is one of the 23 members of the commission, all of whom serve on a voluntary basis. The charge of this commission is to investigate various forms of legalized gambling in D.C. The commission has approximately nine months to complete its work and issue a final report to the City Council.

**JOB INFORMATION WORKSHOP** -- The D.C. Department of Manpower will present a jobs workshop at the Southwest Branch library (3rd and K Street) on Saturday March 19 from noon to 5:30 p.m. Topics will include "How to Fill Out Job Applications" and "How to Conduct Yourself on Job Interviews."

## SW/SE ANC SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

ANC 2D is always looking for Community-Minded Residents willing to Participate in ANC affairs. If you would like to volunteer to be a member of an ANC committee, please write to the ANC at P.O. Box 24034, Washington, 20024, or call 484-3026. Right now the Commission is looking especially for people interested in working on a committee to analyze city tax and financial matters and in helping to update the Southwest Community Directory.

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## **Southwest Residents**

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**ANDREW BONDS** -- Consultant for Metro  
**LORRAINE BANKS** -- employed Federal City College  
**DR. SYLVESTER BOOKER** -- Medical Doctor  
**LUCILLE BREWER** -- Social Worker, SWCH Volunteer  
**JOY DAVIS** -- Retired Social Worker  
**VINCENT DEVITT** -- Manager, SW Credit Union  
**WALTER DODD** -- River Park Board of Directors  
**JAMES EIGHMIE** -- HOUSING Consultant  
**CLARENCE GREEN** -- ANC Rep., Pres. SW Tenant Council  
**IONA HARGRAVE** -- Housewife  
**MADLEINE HARRIS** -- Housewife  
**ROBERT JOHNSON** -- Youth Worker, D.C. Dept. of Rec.  
**MARGERY LARRABEE** -- Social Worker, Teacher  
**ROBERT McCORMICK**, Education Specialist  
**PAUL PROCTOR** -- Vice Pres. - Cavalier A.C. Steward  
**HELEN REEDER** -- Native Southwester, employed Smithsonian Institute  
**MARGARET REUSS** -- SW Community House Bd. Member  
**SPENCER SCOTT** -- Former Candidate for City Council  
**ERIC SEWELL** -- President, TW Corp.  
**MARGUERITE TANCK** -- Fundraiser SW Community  
**ALICE THOMAS** -- Social Worker, employed DHR  
**FANNIE THOMAS** -- Volunteer SW Community House  
**MINETTA WHEELER** -- Teacher, SW Daycare Assoc.  
**ED WOLTERBEEK** -- Program Analyst, Dept. of Labor.

## **Non-Resident in Southwest**

**SAM JORDAN**, Special Consultant to Director DHR  
**ROBERT (GENE) SMITH** -- Government Supervisor  
**HOWARD STONE** -- Retired Government Employee  
**ARTHUR THOROGOOD** -- Youth Counselor Cedar Knoll  
**JOHN VAUGHN** -- Director, SHACK Drug Center  
**FAYE WALLACE** -- Ch. SW House Education Committee

## **SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY HOUSE CHANGING DIRECTOR**

Responding to an Evaluation Committee report on the administration and accomplishments of S.W. Community House Director, Leon Fields, the Board of the House voted to terminate the services of Mr. Fields as of February 21, 1977 and to commence the search for a new director. The 55-year old House is funded by United Planning Organization, United Way and the Department of Human Resources. It provides services to the total community of Southwest. Mrs. Phyllis Martin is currently serving as Acting Director and Rev. Don Lowe is chairman of the Board.

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## **SW/SE ANC DRAFT BUDGET**

Each ANC is required by law to submit a draft budget for the upcoming fiscal year to the residents of their area for their "review and comment" in March of each year. In accordance with that requirement ANC 2D has prepared the following budget for FY78. Residents are encouraged to let the Commission know what they think about this budget by talking to their SMD representatives, by writing to the Commission at P.O. Box 24034, or by attending the next ANC meeting, April 6. (The budget categories conform to a format established by the Mayor.)

## **SOUTHWEST/SOUTHEAST ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION (2D)**

### **Proposed Fiscal Year 1978 Budget**

Personal Services and Benefits	\$ 11,500
Consultant or Contractual Services	2,000
Local Travel and Transportation	500
Rent (Office space, equipment)	3,600
Communications, (postage, telephones)	300
Utilities (electricity, gas, steam)	500
Printing and Reproduction	2,400
Office Supplies and Materials	1,000
Insurance Liability	200

Total \$ 22,000\*

\* Estimated apportionment for FY 1978 (apportionment for FY 1977 = \$ 21,458)

## **ANC TO MEET APRIL 6**

The next regular ANC business meeting is scheduled for April 6 at 8:00 p.m. Call 484-3026 for location. The meeting is open to the public and SW/SE residents are invited to tell their SMD Commissioners what issues the Commission should consider. The Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month.

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## **SUMMARY OF MARCH 2 ANC MEETING INITIATIVE BILL ENDORSED**

The ANC unanimously at its March 2 meeting voted to endorse the Initiative and Referendum Act introduced in the City Council by Julius Hobson. The bill, which will come up for Council consideration in April, would allow voters to pass laws or veto laws passed by Council by holding an election. The election would be held if 5% of the voters signed a petition asking for it.

The Statehood Act, also sponsored by Hobson, ran into opposition and was tabled. The bill would authorize a referendum in November to find out if the voters favor statehood or not. Opponents argued the bill would be unnecessary if the Council passed the Initiative and Referendum Act. Supporters argued that the Council might not pass the referendum law and even if they did, it would be necessary to hold another, costly election.

In other action, the Commission approved a revised operating budget for FY77 and agreed upon a draft budget for FY78 to submit to the community for comment. Also approved was an addition to the bylaws giving full recognition to the new role of non-voting neighborhood Delegates who will represent a SMD until a vacancy can be filled. The City Council legislation to provide a way to fill vacancies between official elections, is proceeding slowly and the Commission agreed to support, in principle, a proposed amendment to the vacancy bill by Marion Barry. Barry wants to give the Board of Elections and Ethics the power to declare an ANC seat vacant if the Commissioner misses too many ANC meetings (dereliction of duty).

**SUMMER JOBS REMINDER** -- Youths who want summer jobs are reminded to REGISTER NOW! Youths in Southwest may register at the mini-employment center at Western High School (and at Randall Jr. High Tuesday afternoons); those in Southeast should go to Eastern High. Those who have not previously been certified will receive certification materials when they register. Don't put it off. Do it NOW.

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## ANC ADVISES COUNCIL ON S. CAPITOL STREET REDEVELOPMENT

The ANC has given a "yellow" light to plans to redevelop the South Capitol Street area. Support for redevelopment of 40 acres in Southeast along South Capitol Street below M Street is being sought by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

DHCD head Lorenzo Jacobs has asked the City Council to pass a resolution (PR-2-15) endorsing his department's plan to offer a \$300,000 feasibility and planning contract. In response the ANC at its March 2 meeting has asked the City Council to make some important changes in the resolution in order to make sure that the rights of the neighborhood and the city as a whole are protected.

A major issue is what will happen to the approximately 450 people now living in the so-called South Capitol Street Development Area (SCSDA). The dislocation caused by urban renewal in Southwest is still a bitter memory to many people who spoke at two Community Meetings sponsored by the ANC. In order to make sure that the experience is not repeated, the ANC has asked the City Council to declare in advance it will not approve any redevelopment plan or condemn any land until the housing needs of the current residents are handled satisfactorily. In addition, the ANC asks the Council to go on record in favor of earmarking an "adequate" percentage of new residential construction for low and moderate income families.

Dravo Corporation, which has expressed interest in redeveloping the South Capitol Street area, has proposed building 3,000 to 4,000 residential units to shelter 7,000 to 10,000 people.

A second major concern expressed in the Community Meetings is the fear that DHCD's plan to request redevelopment in only 10 of the 170 acres in the South Capitol Street/Buzzard Point area represents a piecemeal approach to planning. Since the Municipal Planning Office expects to release a general land

use plan for the city by summer, the ANC also advised the city that the \$100,000 detailed planning study be held up until there is an approved general land use plan. The ANC's intent is to make sure that the DHCD sponsored study does not conflict with MPO plan and long-standing citizen efforts for coordinated and comprehensive growth of the ANC area.

The ANC also suggested that the contractor be directed to study the cost of increased public services such as, police, fire, education and that an outside party be hired to do an independent evaluation of the contractor's feasibility study. The purpose of these suggestions is to make sure that redevelopment of the area, which is being promoted as a way of increasing tax revenues to the city, does not turn out to cost the city more than it brings in.

The ANC also suggested that ANC and Council approval, not merely advice, be obtained before a planning contract is awarded and before a contractor is selected.

These developments are being monitored by the South Capitol Street/Buzzard Point Committee chaired by Vivian Williams. The Committee is co-sponsored by the ANC, Friendship House, Southwest House and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Council action on PR 2-15 was tentatively scheduled for March 22.

## LONG APPOINTED TO D.C. GAMBLING COMMISSION

Wesley Long, Treasurer and past chairperson of the SW/SE ANC has been appointed to the Citizen's Gambling Study Commission for the District of Columbia. Long who is an economist at the U.S. Department of Commerce is one of the 23 members of the commission, all of whom serve on a voluntary basis. The charge of this commission is to investigate various forms of legalized gambling in D.C. The commission has approximately nine months to complete its work and issue a final report to the City Council.

**JOB INFORMATION WORKSHOP** -- The D.C. Department of Manpower will present a jobs workshop at the Southwest Branch library (3rd and K Street) on Saturday March 19 from noon to 5:30 p.m. Topics will include "How to Fill Out Job Applications" and "How to Conduct Yourself on Job Interviews."

## SW/SE ANC SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

ANC 2D is always looking for Community-Minded Residents willing to Participate in ANC affairs. If you would like to volunteer to be a member of an ANC committee, please write to the ANC at P.O. Box 24034, Washington, 20024, or call 484-3026. Right now the Commission is looking especially for people interested in working on a committee to analyze city tax and financial matters and in helping to update the Southwest Community Directory.

## ANNUAL DRIVE - SW SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE

In 1974 River Park members originated a scholarship fund for needy Southwest students who wished to continue their education. It was such a success that the following year Harbour Square joined River Park in the Scholarship Drive and it became the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Scholarship Fund. Aside from its regular fund raising activities, an International Show Time was organized by the Scholarship Committee to raise additional funds.

In the past three years a total of 10 scholarships have been awarded to Southwest students and with the help of our neighbors, more will be awarded this year. Scholarship fund raising activities are actively being coordinated by members of River Park, Harbour Square, Carrollsburg Square Condominium, Channel Square and 1200 Delaware.

We urgently need the help of other developments. If you are interested in working on fund raising activities for your development call Barbara Hill at 554-5958 or Therese Crahan at 554-4499.

If you would like to help but cannot spare the time, take time out now and write out a check to the SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL and designate it in the lower left hand corner to "SWNA Scholarship", Mail to Helen L. Westbrook, 625 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024.

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## GREENLEAF RAFFLE DRAWING APRIL 12

The drawing for the raffle by the Greenleaf Tenants Council will be at 9 p.m. on April 12th at Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N Street, S.W. You do not have to be present at the drawing to win. Fund raising chairman is Jim Jones - 554-2273.

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## MALL HEARINGS ON MAY 7

The March 10 hearings on the Waterside Mall were cancelled during the unfortunate seige on the District Building and other sites that week. The hearings have been rescheduled for Saturday, May 7, 1977 and will be held in the District Building's Council Chambers, Room 500. The hearings will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until everyone has been heard. Individuals and organizations wishing to testify on the background, the present situation, and the future of the Waterside Mall should contact Barbara Grau at 724-8013 or 724-8113 by Friday, April 29. Written statements should also be submitted by that date. Residents attending the hearing are reminded that the new security procedures at the District Building require some type of ID to be shown when entering the building. To encourage and enable more SW residents to attend the May 7th hearing "Operation Car-Pool" will be arranged by the SAVE OUR MALL Committee. The carpools will leave from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M Sts., SW at 9:30 a.m. Those needing a ride and those willing to help provide transportation are asked to please contact either Carole Early (554-3740) or Lucia Rapley (484-0543).

## WHEN WILL METRO'S RESTORATION OF M STREET BEGIN?

The Metro Contractor has submitted to D.C. Dept. of Transportation a permit application for restoration of M Street which will provide for completion of the contract early in August without an extension of the contract. During the deck beam removal and placement of permanent roadway for the purpose of restoration, the plan shows that from April 20th thru July 1st one lane of traffic in each direction on M Street between 3rd & 6th Sts., SW, will be implemented. During this period there will be three partial weekend closures which effects only thru West bound traffic. East bound traffic, 4th St. turning and Waterside Mall access will be maintained. West bound LOCAL traffic at 3rd & M Streets going to 4th St. or Waterside Mall will be allowed by a flagman to proceed on the left side of M Street. The first weekend partial closing will begin at noon, Saturday, April 23rd until 6 a.m. April 25th, while deck beams are removed at the 6th St. end of the project. The second weekend partial closing begins at 6 a.m. on May 14th until 6 a.m. May 16th, while

deck beams are removed at the 3rd St. end of the project -- thus not effecting local traffic traveling West bound between 4th & 6th Sts. The last weekend partial closing begins at 6 a.m. on June 4th and ends at 6 a.m. on June 6th, while deck beams are removed from the eastern part of the 4th & M Sts. intersection. A second lane of East bound traffic will be provided to 4th St. after June 4th during rush hours. Two lanes of traffic on the restored street will be provided after July 4th through completion of the contract August 2, 1977. The SW Assembly's Executive Board at its April 13th meeting endorsed the contractor's application, citing the urgent necessity of restoring M Street as soon as possible so the SW community can return to normal and the problems of our beleaguered Waterside Mall can be resolved. The Waterside Mall Merchants Association has also gone on record as supporting the SW citizens' position. This permit application should be approved by the D.C. Dept. of Transportation so that the extreme hardship -- physical, emotional and economic impacts -- the Metro construction has had on the entire SW community will cease on August 2, 1977.

## MAY DAY CELEBRATION - Sunday, May 1st

The May Day Celebration, sponsored by the waterfront restaurants, will be held on the Southwest Waterfront from 11 a.m. until sunset. Keynote speaker will be Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, resident of Southwest.

### JOINT MEETING OF

The SW/SE ANC and

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(SEE ARTICLE ON BACK PAGE -  
MINI CONVENTION - MAY 14th)





## PLANNING FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL SOUTHWEST FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

This year the Southwest Festival of the Arts returns to the traditional one day format. Citizens are invited to participate by attending weekly meetings or on the day of the festival. Meetings are held each Thursday night at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th &

and M Streets, SW from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Southwest groups wishing to set up concession stands should contact Juanita Walker, 554-4129 or Alice Denham, 554-5940. Artists, craftspeople, and photographers wanting to exhibit, call Jan Hampton, 554-3483, Alyce Jackson, 488-3227 or Veronica Clark, 554-4543. Individuals and groups wishing to perform, call Sheila Zimmerman, 488-1292 or Bonnie Murphy, 554-1378. People with small items to donate for the white elephant sale call Barbara Brannan, 554-2487. Festival buttons will be available this year; call Alyce Jackson, 488-3227 for sales. An auction will be held the afternoon of the festival, give items, ideas and suggestions to Bettye Taylor, 554-4359, Beverly Gray, 554-0245 or Don Swanson, 554-8204.

Co-chairpersons for this year's event are Juanita Walker and Veronica Clark. Bob Peake is handling arrangements and the tentative festival date is Sunday, June 5th.

## SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM

SW families participating in the DHR Supplemental Food Program may now pick up their food at the SW Community Health Clinic on Thursdays between 12 noon to 3 p.m.

The SW Kiwanis Club, which meets at Channel Inn, is providing the necessary transportation of the food to the SW Clinic so that this service can be continued for SW families. Recent cuts in DHR had eliminated drivers necessary for this program.

(For more information on the Supplemental Food Program, contact Mr. Mills at the SW Health Clinic, 629-5961.)

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## CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS ANC ADVICE ON SOUTH CAPITOL STREET REDEVELOPMENT

The City Council, meeting March 22, accepted a number of suggestions from the SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2D) on how the city should go about redeveloping the 40 acre tract in Southeast between the Navy Yard and South Capitol Street.

According to ANC Chairperson Richard Westbrook (SMD 1), the Council's action "represents a very significant victory for the community and shows that we can have an effect on city policies."

Led by Housing Committee Chairperson Nadine Winter and Ward II Council Member John Wilson, the Council added several amendments to a resolution by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to o.k. DHCD's plan for redeveloping the area between First Street, S.E. and South Capitol Street, South of M Street. The resolution authorizes the DHCD to award approximately \$200,000 for a feasibility study and an additional \$100,000 to draw up a redevelopment plan. At the request of the ANC, Wilson sponsored an amendment binding the Council to reject any plans to develop the so-called South Capitol Street Development Area (SCSDA) "unless and until there is adequate alternative housing, including relocation benefits, for the current residents of the area."

Following another request of the ANC, Councilmember Winter pressed the Council to declare its belief that a certain portion of any new residential construction in the SCSDA area should be earmarked for low and moderate income families. Together these actions may help to avert the failures of earlier urban

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renewal programs which made no allowance for the people whose homes were torn down to make way for office buildings and luxury apartments.

The Council also agreed with the ANC that the contractor selected to carry out the feasibility study should be required to include the cost of increased public services such as fire, police, and education in evaluating the financial feasibility of redevelopment. This is intended to assure that increased property taxes are not outweighed by increased costs of public services. (Dravo Corporation, for instance, has suggested building a new community of 7,000 to 10,000 people.)

The Council also accepted the ANC's suggestion that its approval, and not merely advice, should be sought by DHCH before the Department awards the \$100,000 planning contract. The ANC's recommendations to the Council grew out of two Community Meetings and the work of the South Capitol Street/Buzzard Point Committee which the ANC co-sponsored with Friendship House, Southwest House and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

## SOUTHWEST LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Food and Nutrition Workshops - Tuesday, April 26, 3 to 5 p.m., "Food Fads and Facts." The following three workshops will take place on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.: May 2 - Vitamins: Myth or Fact. May 9 - Nutrition Labeling. May 11 - Geriatric Nutrition: Food for the Elderly.

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SMD 5	Donald Baker and Lucia Rapley
SMD 6	Anna Johnson and Eula Porter
SMD 7	Margaret Brisco and Ernestine Collins

(The SW Assembly uses the same SMD areas as the ANC.)

## FREE CERAMIC WORKSHOP WEEKDAYS IN SW

Southwest youth are busy making ceramic cannisters, dishes, lamps and other articles at a ceramic workshop conducted Monday thru Friday from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 124 P St. SW in the basement. The free workshop is being attended by people from 8 years of age to 27 and is sponsored by Neighborhood Planning Council Area 17. For information call Nichie Douglas, 488-7340.

A bus load of local people interested in ceramics will be making an all day trip to the Ceramics Convention and Show in Asbury Park, N.J., Saturday, April 29.

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On May 4 the Redevelopment Land Agency will decide whether there should be a Holiday Inn - office building or a day care center and parking complex on C Street SW between 4th and 6th., an area known as Parcel 23. The alternative plans are contained in two proposals submitted in response to a January RLA offer to sell or lease the land.

Donhoe Construction Co. would like to build a Holiday Inn with at least 250 rooms along with a major office building, retail stores and a parking structure. They hope to build pedestrian plazas and landscaped terraces which will be available to residents of Southwest as well as tenants and hotel guests.

The employee corporation, which is headed by executives from HEW and DOT, does not propose to demolish the buildings now on the site (i.e., District Grocery Warehouse). They want to set up an educational day care center that would cater to children of government employees as well as southwest residents. They would also like to develop a vocational and career training center to provide opportunities for unemployed D.C. residents and propose rehabilitating the existing gasoline station for this purpose. They would also provide a parking facility.

Carol Cowgill has been appointed by ANC 2D to chair a committee that will suggest recommendations on these proposals to the ANC. Contact Cowgill at 488-7448 (day) or 484-3026 for more information and to work on the committee.

## CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES AT THE SW LIBRARY

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## ANC CRITICIZES MUNICIPAL PLANNING OFFICE

The "Goals and Policies" workbook issued for Southwest by the Municipal Planning Office met a critical reception at the April meeting of the SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC). While recognizing the planning document as a valuable community resource tool, the ANC adopted a statement which criticized its goals as "too vague" to "stimulate meaningful public debate." The document says nothing about such pressing problems as Waterside Mall and the poor condition of local public housing, according to Carol Cowgill of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, who drafted the ANC position statement.

In another action, the ANC found "no adverse impact" to the community if the Army constructs a chapel on the Fort McNair grounds, but urged the National Capitol Planning Commission to give careful attention to future uses of the military installation. Several concerns were voiced by Kathy Stief, president of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, which had previously been stated by the Assembly in 1975 when reviewing the preliminary master plan for Fort McNair.

The ANC also took a position on a proposal to establish an independent merit system for D.C. government employees. Commissioner Wes Long (SMD 2) was authorized to tell the City Council's Committee on Government Operations that the ANC believes department heads should serve at the Mayor's pleasure and that confirmation of these appointments by the Council should be required. According to the ANC, "much of the mismanagement and unresponsiveness of District departments and agencies is the result of the Mayor not having the power of dismissal over the heads of these departments and agencies."

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May 8 - "Moments of Incarnation" in dance - Karin Vartofsky and Dinshaw M. Burjorjee (Previously performed at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, New York City)

Commissioner Clarence Green (SMD 6), Delegate Leon Fields (SMD 7) and ANC staffer Gottlieb Simon were assigned the task of drafting a position statement on how the city should spend \$33 million to be received as part of the Community Development Block Grant Program of HUD. Little of this money is expected to be spent in the SW/SE area.

For further information about the ANC, contact Gottlieb Simon (484-3026).

## SW COMMUNITY HOUSE BOARD

The following were elected to serve on the Southwest Community House Board of Directors: Audrey Austin, Andrew Bonds, Lorraine Banks, Dr. Sylvester Booker, Lucille Brewer, Joy Davis, Vincent Devitt, Walter Dodd, Clarence Green, Iona Hargrave, Robert Johnson, Margery Larrabee, Robert McCormick, Paul Proctor, Helen Reeder, Margaret Reuss, Spencer Scott, Eric Sewell, Marguerite Tanck, Alice Thomas, Fannie Thomas, Minette Wheeler, Sam Jordan and Faye Wallace.

## ARENA STAGE AUCTION - Sunday, June 5th

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## METRO WANTS COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE CHANGES IN BUS ROUTES FOR NOVEMBER

SW/SE residents are urged to write METRO with comments on bus route changes planned for next November. The following are only tentative and will depend on comments from the public:

ROUTE 50 - extended north to the new Takoma Metro station.

ROUTES 52 and 54 - no change

ROUTE 56 - discontinued

ROUTE 58 - discontinued. People going to Summit Hill will have to transfer to S-4, S-8, or other routes.

ROUTE 60 - will be extended from 11th and Monroe to the Fort Totten METRO station (near Riggs Rd and S. Dakota Avenue, N.E.) Also a short "jog" will be added on D Street from 4th to 3rd in order to connect with the Federal Center METRO stop.

ROUTE 61 - same as 60, but ending at the Soldiers Home instead of Fort Totten.

ROUTE 72 - discontinued; replaced by a No. 50 extended and No. S-8, but neither of these lines travel south of C St., SW

ROUTE 74 and 76 - discontinued; replaced by a new No. 61 which terminates at the Soldiers' Home and follows the same route in Southwest as No. 60, i.e., it goes up 4th instead of 7th Street. METRO claims that No. 70 and No. 71 schedules will be "adjusted" to take care of the passengers who ride the discontinued lines.

ROUTE 80 and 83 - will begin at Crystal City instead of the Kennedy Center, which will no longer be served. The new route comes across the 14th St. Bridge, over Independence Ave. to Canal St., to C, along C to First St. and north on First Street.

ROUTE R-5 - will remain as it is, but the name will be changed to M-5 "to reflect better the family of routes to which the service belongs."

Comments should be sent to: Secretary/Treasurer, METRO  
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## CITY-WIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION MEETING - MAY 14

Joint action by neighborhoods will be the goal of a city-wide convention of neighborhood organizations and Advisory Neighborhood Commissions set for Saturday, May 14, from 10 am to 5 pm at the old Adams Morgan Community School at 1773 California Street, NW (at V Street).

Agreement for common action will be sought on these topics:

- . . . . Community development block grants - Will neighborhood organizations be bypassed? How is the money being spent? Should more be spent on housing?
- . . . . Zoning and land use proposals of neighborhood groups - Will the zoning commission ignore the Dupont Circle proposal and others? Do the city planning and housing offices listen to neighborhoods?
- . . . . School closings - How can they be kept open? How can those that are closed be used by the neighborhood?
- . . . . Crime Prevention - Which programs work well - RAPE, Inc? RAP in Anacostia? The Shaw-Pic or Stanton Park programs? Are LEAA funds available?
- . . . . Senior Citizens and the Neighborhood - Can Meals-on-Wheels be used in other neighborhoods? Are CETA funds available?

The SW Neighborhood Assembly and the SW/SE ANC voted to co-sponsor the May 14 convention. At a joint SWNA and ANC meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 28 at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 3rd and M Street, SW, advance discussion will be held on the convention topics.

## APPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATION BASIC GRANTS

Applications for financial assistance for education beyond high school can be filled out at the Southwest Community House in the basement of 124 P Street, SW. The applications are sent to the HEW Basic Grants program and in 4 to 6 weeks a person is notified of his eligibility. Contact Roberta Patrick at 488-7340.

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## M STREET RESTORATION STILL SET FOR AUGUST 19

The contractor reports that all road concrete will be laid around August 5 and the completion date of August 19 will be met for the restoration of M Street. There will be one or two partial weekend closure of M St. between 3rd & 4th Sts. in July. If two weekends are necessary, they will be on consecutive weekends. During the partial weekend closure access to Waterside Mall and 4th St. will be maintained for local traffic.

In the M Street Plaza area of Waterside Mall, the passage way to Waterfront Station is presently under construction. WMATA confirmed to THE SOUTHWESTER that problems with water pipes and design difficulties have been encountered in this area. However, WMATA expects the contract to be complete mid-Sept. October 1st.

## ASSEMBLY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO FIVE

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly awarded scholarships to five Southwest residents at a ceremony held June 30th during the monthly Assembly meeting. A total of \$2500, collected during the annual SWNA Scholarship Fund Drive, was divided among the students. They were: Ben Sands of Howard University, Cheryl Henson of Tuskegee, Lakita Conley of G.W.U., Joyce Hudgens of Univ. of the District of Columbia, and Francis Chesley of Georgetown Univ. The entire Southwest community extends its congratulations to these students.

## S.W. SOUL SISTERS TO PERFORM AT WOLF TRAP

The Southwest Soul Sisters are among those selected from among hundreds of young performers in the Washington metropolitan area to perform in the International Children's Festival at Wolf Trap on Labor Day Weekend. The Southwest Soul Sisters are scheduled to perform in the Concert Shell early Sat. afternoon, Sept. 3.

Tickets for each day's performances are \$1.00 each, for adults and children (under 3- free) and are to be purchased at the gate. Southwesterners who wish to attend the Sat. performance and need transportation and those who can furnish cars are invited to sign up at the Southwest Library.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU

The SWCH Board of Directors and Staff would like to thank all those who made our 3rd Annual Community Services Award night a success. Community Services Awards were presented to: Rev. Don Lowe, Rev. Harold S. Goers, Henry Kelly, Dr. Charlotte Brooks, Ruth Turner, Emily Cole, Joyce Thomas, Jane Spencer, Kathy Stief, Carol Jenifer, Robert Smith, Irene Cox, Bueluah Elliott, and Robert Moore.

Lorraine Brawner, Chairperson of the 3rd Annual Community Services Awards Night submitted the following Financial Statement: Gross income was \$1003.50 (\$198.50 donations, \$805.00 ticket sales). Expenses were \$523.97. Net profit was \$479.53, which is in the SWCH Building Fund at the SW Credit Union. The proceeds will be used for renovation of SWCH's new home at 156 Q Street, S.W.

## SPECIAL DAY AT FORT MC NAIR

The U.S. Army Band will give a Concert on the Parade Grounds at Fort McNair sometime in mid-August. Confirmation of the date was unavailable as SOUTHWESTER went to press. Fort McNair invites Southwest residents to attend the Concert.

## ASSEMBLY SKIPS JULY MEETING

The next meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be on August 25, 1977, Thursday, at 8 pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M Street, S.W.

Agenda will include review of Assembly's testimony to the D.C. Zoning Commission on the proposed Zoning of the S.W. Urban Renewal Area south of the Freeway. Date for the hearing has not been set but it is expected to be held in September.

There will not be an Assembly meeting in July.



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### DUGAS "STONEWALLING" ANC ON MALL

In early June, ANC Chairperson Richard Westbrook wrote to City Administrator Julian Dugas, chairperson of the Mayor's Task Force on Waterside Mall, requesting that the Task Force be reconvened as soon as possible. (The Task Force has not met since its initial organizational meeting in January.)

A month later when no reply had been received a phone call was made to Mr. Dugas' office. The caller was informed that the ANC letter had been received, but "that no definite date has been set for reconvening the Task Force."

In his letter to Dugas, Westbrook wondered if the City's involvement in working out the problems of the Waterside Mall would be an indication of how successful it would be in developing the proposed convention center.

ANC residents concerned about the Mall (or the convention center) may wish to call Mr. Dugas for more information. His phone number is 629-4711.

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### ANC CONTRIBUTIONS VOTED

In response to a request from the Washing-  
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(WANG), the ANC has voted to donate \$25 to  
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City-Wide Neighborhood Issues Convention  
held last May. The ANC is also giving \$35  
to the Washington Metropolitan Housing and  
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Citizens for Better Education for a set of  
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When a District government official was asked if he knew Virginia Keith, he said "Sure, she's part of a political matriarchy here in Washington that has never been given any real power. It's too bad because they're a shrewd, strong-willed, tough-minded bunch. But at the same time they have some old fashioned beliefs about compassion and honesty. I'd love to see them given a chance to run the city."

Virginia Keith is not likely to run for mayor or the council. She is now consumer specialist at Southwest Community House and is talking about retiring so that she can devote her time to the problems of the aged.

Consumer activities at Southwest House include a sale of food stamps to 125-130 clients each month and the free distribution of supplemental food parcels to about 90 pregnant women, infants, and young children every two weeks. The office is a small row house on N Street, with living room walls decorated with grocery ads torn from the newspapers. The kitchen has been turned into an emergency food and clothing bank, stocked with donations from area residents. Mrs. Keith herself is active in consumer education and budget counseling.

She never majored in consumer education. In fact, she never went to college. But that doesn't slow her down at all. Mrs. Keith began to learn consumerism at home, she says, during the many years she was caring for her

asthmatic daughter. On welfare for a while, she recalls that "I learned what could be done on a limited income. You've got to have faith and fortitude to hang on. Nothing stays the same."

Nothing that takes advantage of consumers stays the same if Mrs. Keith can find a way to help change it. Lately, she has joined in campaigns to get Metro to improve pedestrian access to Waterside Mall and to persuade managers of drug stores to fill prescriptions for senior citizens without delay. "Now old people are having to wait around three or four hours, or go back a second time to pick up their medicine," she says, "when just getting to the drug store once is hard enough for many of them." She has helped organize boycotts, lobbied for consumer protection legislation, and was also the first low income person to be president of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

One of the disadvantages of Southwest, she believes, is the lack of shopping alternatives. With only one supermarket, there is no competition. She is convinced that the big stores raise prices on the 1st and 15th of the month, to coincide with welfare payments. Her advice to low income consumers is to shop for groceries several times a month, instead of buying everything the same day the welfare check comes.

Mrs. Keith remembers that, before urban renewal, there were many small merchants along M Street. They were all promised store space when the new shopping mall was completed, as an inducement to vacate. "But, of course, when the mall was finally ready years later, the merchants couldn't afford the high rents. That caused a lot of bitterness."

Looking back, one of the most important gains for consumers, Mrs. Keith believes, was the opening of the Southwest House Federal Credit Union. Organized 1965 with three members depositing \$25, its membership is now 2800

with \$716,000 in assets. Mrs. Keith was among the first members (she holds passbook number nine) and has been the treasurer for ten years. "I always insist that a welfare mother open a savings account there so that she'll have money for emergencies," she says. Members are eligible to apply for unsecured loans up to \$2,500. "For example," Mrs. Keith continued, "when people need to borrow money for furniture, I tell them to go to the credit union instead of being gouged by the Seventh Street stores." The second strongest of the nine community credit unions in the city, the Southwest institution (located at Waterside Mall) last year approved 1273 loan applications and turned down 99. Over the years, the credit union has loaned over three and a half million dollars. Only a negligible 1.7 percent has been written off as bad debts. According to Vincent Devitt, the manager, "People on welfare rarely miss a payment."

Mrs. Keith was involved in another attempt to make credit available at reasonable rates to low income people. Three area department stores - Kann's, Penney's, and Woodies - were persuaded to permit selected customers to make purchases up to \$50 and repay in \$5 monthly installments. To qualify, the customers were required to take a course on the use of credit and counselors followed up to make sure all payments were made on schedule. Before the program was finally phased out, a number of customers were given regular charge accounts. "Older people really took advantage of this," she said. "Many of them had never before been able to go into a big store and buy something on credit."

The problems of the aged are foremost among Mrs. Keith's concerns now. In May, Congressman Walter Fauntroy invited her to be a senior intern on Capitol Hill, and to attend a conference on legislation for over-65 citizens.

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A.N.C. CHIDES POLICE

The Southwest/Southeast ANC thinks the  
police should be as concerned with follow-  
ing the law as they are in enforcing it.  
according to two resolutions the ANC pass-  
ed at its July 13 meeting.

The first resolution demands that the police  
make "every effort" to notify parents when  
their children have been taken into custody  
as soon as possible. The second resolution  
adopted unanimously by the Commissioners  
"demands that the police adhere strictly to  
the laws governing police search-and-entry."

The Commission's actions were in response to  
reports from Commissioner Lillian Johnson  
(SMD #8) and Sally Alexander (SMD #3) which  
alleged misconduct by the police. According  
to Commissioner Johnson the police have  
come into people's homes without search war-  
rants and have conducted searches.

She also charged that the police have "pick-  
ed up" minors and have held them at the  
police station for long periods without no-  
tifying their parents. This has caused a  
great deal of worry and aggravation for both  
parents and children. Commissioner Alexander  
reported similar problems in her SMD.

The resolution passed by the ANC advises the  
police that "parents should be notified that  
their children are in police custody before  
the children are taken out of their neighbor-  
hoods." In cases where "this cannot be done,"  
the ANC advises that "parents should be no-  
tified as soon as their children reach the  
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that beginning in September, branch library  
hours will be reduced from 48 hours a week  
to 40 hours. They plan to have every branch  
library closed two days a week. In re-  
sponse to this announcement, the SW/SE ANC  
is recommending that the 40 hours be distri-  
buted over the entire week so that the  
branch libraries can remain open seven days  
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great concern that the libraries would ever  
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## ANC CANDIDATES SOUGHT

Petitions for ANC elections to be held in November will be available from the Board of Elections and Ethics from August 26 until September 9, 1977. Residents who wish to compete in the November elections must file a nominating petition signed by at least 25 registered voters who live in the candidate's Single Member District (SMD). Candidates must be registered voters and must have lived in their SMD for 60 days prior to the day on which they pick up their petitions. Elections, which are conducted on a non-partisan basis, are held in conjunction with school board elections. Term of office on the ANC is two years and SMD Commissioners may be elected to only two terms in succession. Commissioners are responsible for representing their neighborhoods to local and federal agencies and for advising government officials on government programs ranging from zoning, police and sanitation to education and social services. Individuals wishing additional information should contact the Board of Elections (347-0488) or ANC-2D office (554-1795).

## SW ZONING HEARING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 19th

The D.C. Zoning Commission has set September 19th as the hearing date on the proposed zoning of the SW Urban Renewal Area south of the Freeway. The hearing will be held at St. Augustine/Temple Micah, 600 M St., SW, at 7 pm. Those who desire to testify should call 629-4426 by 5 pm September 16th. The hearing will be on the Municipal Planning Office proposal of June 8, 1977, which proposes: 1) Adopt as map changes the zone districts for SW as advertised and heard in January 1977; 2) Add a new section to the Zoning regulations which would serve to fill in the gaps in control as between the zoning adopted for the area and the urban renewal plan. This new section would be added to Article 76, "Miscellaneous Provisions". MPO officials admit that the proposal does not address itself to what happens after 1996. The SW Neighborhood Assembly's testimony states opposition to this MPO proposal and will be reviewed at the Assembly's August 25th meeting.

## AUGUST 27th - FAMILY DAY

All SW residents are invited to the 5th Annual Family Day in SW on Saturday, August 27 from 12:30 to 11:30 pm at Landsburg Park on Delaware Avenue between K and L St. SW. Ms. Bobbie McMahon is Chairperson and says that a talent show, live bands, rides, bingo, food and beverages will fill the day. Most of the expenses for the day are being covered by a grant from Neighborhood Planning Council #17. Fort McNair is providing volunteers to cook food and other support services. The SW Assembly Executive Board voted a \$50 donation to help with food expenses. If you would like to help or make a donation, please contact Phyllis Martin, the committee coordinator, at 488-7210.

## SW SOUL SISTERS DANCE AT WOLF TRAP ON SEPT. 3

The SW Soul Sisters, dance group, will perform at the International Children's Festival at Wolf Trap at 1:40 pm Saturday afternoon at the Concert Shell on September 3. Tickets at the gate are \$2.00 each for adults and children. Sponsored by Friends of SW Youth (FOSY) and the Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Soul Sisters are: Jacqueline Beynum; Daretta Bynum; Chriscinda Gross; Colette, Juliette and Yvette Stevenson; Karen Tucker and Cassandra Willis.

## SEPT. 6 - NEW HOURS FOR SW LIBRARY

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JOINT MEETING ON AUGUST 25th at 8 pm

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
Delaware Ave. & M Street, S.W.

### Agenda:

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SW Assembly By-law Amendments  
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### AMENDMENTS TO SWNA BY-LAWS

Two new amendments to the SW Neighborhood Assembly By-laws are presented by the Executive Board for consideration of the Assembly. The first reading of the proposed amendments and discussion will be at the August 25 Assembly meeting. The second reading and vote will be taken at the Assembly meeting on Sept. 29th. The amendments read as follows:

#### Article VI. Election and Tenure of Office.

Section 6 (new) In the event a member of the elected Executive Board misses three consecutive announced meetings of the Executive Board without a reasonable explanation, said member may be removed from the Executive Board by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the elected Executive Board.

Article V. Executive Board. Section 6 (new) Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners from the Single Member Districts 2D01 through 2D07 located in Southwest Washington shall be nonvoting ex officio members of the Executive Board.

### CHAIRPERSONS FOR SW ASSEMBLY

The Executive Board of the SW Neighborhood Assembly submits to the Assembly for confirmation at its August 25th meeting the following as committee chairpersons:

Save Our Mall - Granville Woodson  
Recreation - Robert Gentry  
Talent Search/Nomination - Charles Hargrave  
National Association of Neighborhoods - Margaret Reuss  
D.C. Federation of Civic Associations - Spencer Scott  
South Capitol St./Buzzard Point - Vivian Williams



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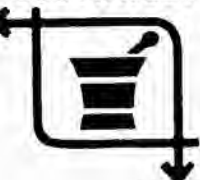
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## METRO KEEPS SW WAITING

The M Street restoration date of August 19 evaporated in the August heat. One contractor reported problems encountered in building the passageway for the escalator delayed the removal of equipment from M St. and thus delayed restoration. The other contractor reported that PEPCO's work took six weeks rather than the anticipated two weeks. Completion date in September is now on the books for M Street and October for completion of the Mall Plaza.

A report from Metro Staff which General Manager Theodore Lutz promised would be ready early in July still has not been received by the SW Assembly. The Report, concerning an earlier opening date for Waterfront Station, is to answer questions submitted at an April meeting by the SW Assembly and representatives from many housing areas in SW. Meanwhile Mayor Washington has asked SW/SE ANC Chairperson Richard Westbrook to serve on a Task Force for the Branch Ave. Line. This is the line on which Waterfront Station is located. The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for the end of August.

## ANC INTERVIEWS HOPEFUL SW DEVELOPERS

Four groups of developers are bidding to obtain the rights from the Redevelopment Land Agency (RLA) to develop a new office building. The new building would be between 6th and 7th Streets and between Maryland Ave. and the railroad tracks, SW. It will adjoin another complex which will be developed along C Street between 4th and 6th Street.

Although the responsibility of choosing a developer is the RLA's, ANC 2D's Chairperson, Richard Westbrook (SMD #1) and Ex. Dir. Gottlieb Simon were given an opportunity to interview the four teams.

The ANC questions concerned: 1) giving first priority on construction and other jobs to ANC 2D residents, particularly youth; 2) the urban renewal plan requirement that the building contain at least 500 parking spaces; 3) experience in planning with community participation; 4) present and past involvement in ANC 2D area; 5) whether there would be facilities open after 5:30 p.m., and 6) whether there were any women in senior positions on the project (all had some degree of minority participation). For more information call 554-1795.

## ANC SOLICITS COMMENTS ON DC HEALTH SERVICES

The Council's Task Force on DHR Reorganization will hold a public hearing on Sept 16 to find out what people think about the delivery of health services in DC, good as well as bad. The ANC will submit testimony -- please send your comments to your ANC rep or call the ANC office at 554-1795.

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Demolition work to prepare the building for the extensive renovation was carried out earlier this year. Because different contractors are being used to carry out the demolition and construction work, there has been a "normal delay" -- that according to Harold Navy of Navy, Marshall, and Gordon, the architectural firm in charge of the work.

According to Navy, the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is responsible for scaling down the original plans for the project. HUD, which is underwriting the renovations, has now decided that the small shops, and the intermediate care facility planned for the building which will house senior citizens is not feasible. A kitchen capable of preparing meals for all of the residents has also been penciled-out.

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### SOUTH WEST & CAPITOL HILL COMMUNITIES LINKED IN NEW MINISTRY

Beginning Sept. 1, Westminster Presbyterian Church at 400 Eye St. in S.W., begins a new experiment in its ministry. The experiment is a "Shared Ministry" concept which links Westminster to the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, located at 4th & Independence, S.E. In this unique urban ministry the two churches share the pastoral services of the Rev. John Boyles, Westminster's present pastor. They will also share the services of an organist and choir director. Sunday services will be held, beginning Sept. 4, at 10 am at Capitol Hill church, and at 11:30 at Westminster. There will be a time for coffee and conversation at Westminster which will begin at 10:45 each Sunday.

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## BRESLER AND REINER ARE STALLING SAYS JACOBS, CITY HOUSING DIRECTOR

Bresler and Reiner, Inc., developers of the Waterside Mall, are in default under the Lease Agreement with the City and are stalling for time, according to Lorenzo W. Jacobs, Jr., Director of the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development.

In a memorandum forwarded to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly by Julian R. Dugas, City Administrator, Jacobs also said: "We have been unofficially told that the permanent lender has agreed to consider financing the remainder of the Mall..."

Dugas gave no indication that the Mayor would call a meeting of his task force on the Waterside Mall, which has not met since it was organized last winter.

## READERS OF THE SOUTHWESTER WANT PARKING CURBS

In response to strong resident interest, the SW/SE ANC (2D) has decided to establish a Parking Committee to organize a petition to have Southwest covered by the DC government Parking Permit Program.

To be covered, 70% of a neighborhood's legal parking spaces must be occupied during business hours and 10% of the cars must be from out of the area. Unfortunately, as the many people who called the ANC office to offer their support know, the SW more than meet these criteria. According to a study conducted by the DC Department of Transportation, 97% of SW parking spaces are occupied on a typical day, and 50% of the cars bear out of state licenses; only two neighborhoods have worse parking problems.

To assist in the Petition Drive, call the ANC office at 554-1795 or attend the petition drive meeting on Sept. 28th at 8 pm at the ANC office which is located in the basement of Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4th and I Sts., SW.

### OCTOBER MEETING DATES

SW/SE ANC - 5th  
(call 554-1795 for location)  
SW Assembly - 27th (School Board and  
SW/SE ANC Candidates Forums)

## M STREET CLOSINGS AND MINIBUS TERMINATION CONFRONT SW RESIDENTS

Despite the contractor's previous commitment to SW residents that local M Street traffic would always be maintained, M Str. was closed to westbound traffic from 3rd to 4th Sts. on September 17-19. Neither the SW/SE advisory Neighborhood Commission nor the SW Assembly were informed in advance of the closing.

WMATA has confirmed that, for the removal of decks and beams from the intersection of 4th and M streets, the following pattern of traffic will prevail from October 1, 12 noon, to October 3rd, 7 a.m. on M Street:

a) two-way maintained on M street between 4th and 6th street, as well as access to Waterside Mall; b) eastward traffic maintained from 4th to 3rd street; c) westward traffic detoured at 3rd street to I street.

At a September 15 hearing, SW residents protested WMATA's plan to discontinue the Downtowner Mini-Bus service (Route M-8) to Southwest. Responding to this criticism, WMATA said they will look again at the proposed change. A decision will be made within 30 days.

### SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 29 at 8 p.m.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
Delaware Ave. & M Street, S.W.

#### Agenda:

1. D.C. Office of Consumer Protection Presentation (covering topics: auto repair, credit card problems, T.V. repair, deceptive ads, etc. You can express your complaints.)
2. Vote on SW Assembly By-law Amendments: (replacement of inactive Ex. Board members; SW ANC as nonvoting members of Ex. Board.)



## SOUTHWESTER SUBMITTED FOR D.C. FEDERATION AWARD

The Executive Board of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly has submitted The Southwester for the "Washington Post Award" of the D.C. Federation of Civic Association, Inc. They also decided to name Kathleen Stief as a Grass Roots honoree, outstanding individual member of local civic association.

Award will be announced at the D.C. Federation's 47th Annual Awards Dinner - also a fund raising event - on October 22, 1977, in the Park Ballroom of the Sheraton-Park Hotel at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets, \$15.50 each, may be purchased for the Awards Dinner at the September 29 Assembly meeting or by calling Spencer Scott at 554-3317 by October 1st.

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## ABC BOARD DELAYS HEARING ON BUZZARD POINT LICENSE

A hearing on an application for a restaurant liquor license at 1900 Half Street SW, has been delayed at the request of the Southwest Assembly and the SW/SE ANC. The two groups petitioned that they had been given insufficient notice, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board agreed to move the hearing date from Sept. 15 to Sept. 23. As the Southwester goes to press, the Assembly and ANC are hoping that they can convince the ABC Board to delay the hearing until a law suit brought by the Assembly is resolved. The Assembly and the ANC are concerned that legitimization of additional facilities in the GSA-leased building might make it more difficult for the Court to act on the pending motions in order to protect the community's interests as presented in these motions.

## AMIDON MEDIA CENTER LOOKS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed in an enrichment program at the Amidon School library Media Center, 4th and I Streets, SW, on Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m. Time also can be scheduled when convenient with volunteers due to the flexible library media program. Aid is sought with foreign languages, art, poetry, reading, and story telling, and to share travel experiences and careers with the children. Contact Marilyn Moser, library specialist, or Ms. Zucker, school principal at 724-4869.

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## FRIENDS OF SOUTHWEST LIBRARY REORGANIZE

The Friends of the Southwest Library have decided to let their corporate charter lapse and will become a standing committee of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

Prior to its reorganization, the Friends attracted enough contributions to provide a bike rack and typewriter for public use at Southwest Branch. The remainder of their treasury will be contributed to the library system earmarked for the Southwest Branch -- to be used for the purchase of books.

Acting chairperson Barbara Hurlbutt explained that there had been no activity since January. Two meetings were held during the summer to discuss the future of the organization, but only a handful of people showed up.

In announcing the affiliation with SWNA, she stressed that "the Friends ought to live on, but only if there is interest and involvement."

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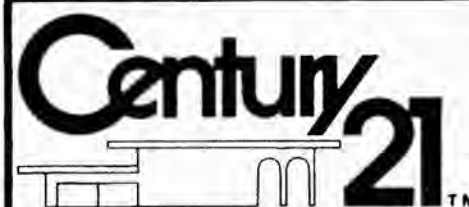
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## NEW DIRECTOR TAKES OVER AT SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY HOUSE

"We're not looked on by funding agencies as one of the top priorities," said John Williams, new executive director of Southwest Community House, "unless we can show that we're in line with their objectives. That's what we're trying to do." His plans call for a stronger emphasis on youth and jobs.

Williams, who studied 12 years for the priesthood, previously headed child care services for the Archdiocese of Washington, which he built from scratch into a half-million dollar program. He also taught day care administration at American University.

Among the new initiatives, SW House and the SW Neighborhood Assembly are cooperating in an effort to have a Vista Volunteer assigned to the community. The Volunteer would supervise the general education (or high school equivalency) program and assist the public schools in reducing truancy. Also in the planning stage is a halfway house for first and minimal offenders. Southwest has an especially high rate of juvenile crime, Williams noted. "But because there are no facilities here, young offenders are referred out of the area. So we can't keep track of them."

Top among Williams' longer range priorities is the creation of employment opportunities in Southwest. He is scouting the area in search of ideas for service-providing businesses. "Some of the services that Youth Pride offers in other parts of the city - such as landscaping - could be started here," Williams said. He is also considering the feasibility of a cooperative food store which could create a wide range of new jobs, from trucking to accounting.

SW House will soon move to new quarters at 156 Q St., where three of its six programs will be located. Founded 25 years ago, SW House has a full time staff of 34 and a budget of \$350,000. Most of its support comes from UPO, United Way, and the DC Department of Human Resources.

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## SW RESIDENTS REJECT 2ND MPO ZONING PROPOSAL

In January of this year, a public hearing was conducted by the D.C. Zoning Commission at St Augustine/Micah Temple, where SW residents opposed the district map. Notwithstanding this opposition, MPO turned to propose the same zoning map at the September 19 hearing, in addition to a text change which was to fill any gaps between the Urban Renewal Plan and the zoning districts.

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's testimony asked that zoning be adopted in conformity with the Urban Renewal Plan in its as-built condition, except for Waterside Mall. The Assembly described each development in SW and recommended a zone district to fit the as-built condition. They charged that the MPO proposal was incompatible with the SW Urban Renewal Plan and that the text change and map would permit as a matter of right changes in the as-built condition when the Plan controls expire in 1996. The Assembly also criticized Corporation Counsel's opinion and MPO's interpretation of that opinion - upon which the MPO zoning proposal was based.

Buttressing the Assembly's position, SW/SE ANC proposed an amendment to the MPO proposal. MPO had suggested that the Urban Renewal Plan would have priority in case of a conflict with the zoning districts; the ANC suggestion is that priority also be given to the site development plans.

Comments on the proposal will be accepted by the Zoning Commission for two weeks following the September 19th hearing.

It is not known when a decision will be made on the case. The Zoning Commission meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. For further information call the zoning office at 629-4426.

## COMMUNITY INTERVIEWS CONTRACTORS SEEKING DEVELOPMENT OF 40 ACRES IN SE

Through the S.Capitol Street/Buzzard Point Committee, residents of SW and SE participated in the Department of Housing & Community Development interviews with four potential developers of the 40 acre tract in S.E. bounded by South Capital St M and 1st Sts., and the Anacostia River.

The community concerns covered such areas as: adequate percentage of housing for low and moderate income families; relocation provisions for residents presently living in the 40 acre tract; involvement of minorities at all level of their work; assurance that there would be community-in-put at all stages of the development.

By mid-October, DHCD will select, with the advice of other concerned public agencies and the local community, one of the developers to prepare a preliminary feasibility study (phase I) and a development plan (phase II). DHCD will also grant to the contractor an exclusive right to build the development. Both phases must be approved by the City Council before construction can begin.



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## GREENLEAF ANNEX RESIDENTS PETITION D.C. ZONING COMMISSION

At the D.C. Zoning Commission's public hearing on September 19, 1977, S.W. residents learned that zoning for Greenleaf Annex, when adopted, will take effect immediately because Greenleaf Annex, which is bounded by 3rd, M and I Streets, and Delaware Avenue, is not in the Urban Renewal Area. The Municipal Planning Office has proposed that Greenleaf Annex be zoned as "Apartments" although the area is composed almost entirely of row houses. Following the September 19 hearing, a petition was circulated which requested that Greenleaf Annex be zoned "single family homes." Approximately 400 signatures were obtained on the petition, primarily from residents at Greenleaf Annex but also at nearby public housing in Southwest. Not only has the SW Assembly testified at the hearing but it has also sent a letter stating its full support of the residents petition.

Arguments were expressed at the hearing by members of the SW Community in an effort to protect all "single family dwelling" in the Urban Renewal Area which MPO has proposed be zoned as "apartments." The Urban Renewal Plan restrictions will provide protection until 1996 for those areas within the Urban Renewal Area. The record on this case, No. 76-1, was closed on October 3, 1977, and awaits action by the D.C. Zoning Commission.

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1. Presentation on two amendments to Home Rule Charter that will be voted upon on November 8, 1977:  
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3. Ward II and At-large School Board Candidates Forum

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The ANC called a meeting at the end of September to coordinate a petition to have the Southwest area covered by the new program. As a result of the meeting, ANC Commissioners and Delegates Dick Westbrook (SMD 1), Wes Long (SMD 2), Grace Savage (SMD 4), and Mair Moody (SMD 5) will coordinate efforts in their respective Single Member Districts.

In order for residents to obtain a parking permit, which costs \$5 a year, they must live on a block on which a majority of the households have signed a petition requesting the parking limits. This includes high-rise apartments.

A number of streets have already submitted petitions. These include the 400, 500, and 600 blocks of G Street, the 700 block of 7th Street, the 1200 block of 4th Street, and the 1200 block of Half Street.

If you desire to have the street where you live brought under the permit program--and thus limit non-residents to two hours of parking--and are willing to circulate a petition, call your ANC representative of the ANC office (554-1795).

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**RICHARD B. WESTBROOK:** The Waterside Mall, rent control, commuter parking, new redevelopment proposals, Metrorail/bus service, and zoning are on going problems I have dealt with as member and chairperson of the ANC. I would like to continue to represent the residents of SMD 01 on the ANC. Your VOTE and SUPPORT of the City's experiment in grass roots democracy would be greatly appreciated.

**SMD 2** Capitol Park Townhouses, High rises at 800 4th St., 101-103 and 301 G Street

**WESLEY H. LONG:** I appeal for a large voter turnout to bolster the ANC's further negotiations with city government on Waterside Mall, Southwest/Southeast Development, public housing, and other issues. As the First Chairperson of our ANC and current Treasurer I pursued these issues during my first term and will continue in the next.

**SMD 3** Greenleaf Annex and High Rises at 201 Eye, 1001 & 1101 3rd Street

**PEGGY D. PINN:** After deciding to make Washington my home, I was determined to work in my community and with the people of which it is composed. I bring to you ability, background and a host of resources which I plan to utilize to their fullest. However, I will be calling upon you for additional assistance. We need each other. "PINN" your hopes on "PEGGY." she won't let you down.

**SMD 4** Tiber Island, Harbour Square, Edgewater, Finley House, Channel Square & Fort McNair

**GRACE A. SAVAGE:** I am willing to spend a considerable amount of time and effort trying to make it possible the "grass roots" participation in government that is the reason for the ANC's. I have made a little progress on communication within SMD 04, and I want to build on that.

**SMD 5** St. James, River Park & Carrollsbury Square

**MAIR E. MOODY:** Active in Southwest organizations for past four years. The activities include representing SMD 05 on the SW/SE ANC for the past year, helping organize neighborhood citizens security organizations, participating in SW Assembly activities, an advocate of mandatory compliance with Urban Renewal Plan including making Waterside Mall the complete shopping facility as originally conceived.

**SMD 6** High rises at 1200 Delaware Ave. & 203 N St., James Creek between M & N Sts., 1200 block of Half St. & Carrollsbury Place

**CLARENCE GREEN:** Resident of Southwest for 8 years. Presently Commissioner from 2D06 on the SW/SE ANC. Volunteer at Southwest Community House. Presently President of Tenants Council of 1200 Delaware Avenue. I ask all residents of SMD 06 for their vote on November 8, 1977.

**SMD 7** James Creek between N & O Sts., Syphax Gardens, Housing on P, O, Q Sts. between S. Capitol St. & 2nd St. SW, on S. Capitol, Half, 1st & 2nd Sts. between O & Q Sts.

No candidate; but write-in's are allowed.

**SMD 8** Housing on Half, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & odd side of 4th St. SE, on New Jersey Ave. between K & M Sts., on I, K, L & M Sts. SE between S. Capitol & 4th Sts. SE.

**MATTIE ELIZABETH ANDREWS:** I am sorely in remorse about the unfulfilled promises that the Establishment made to the citizens of the inner Southeast. I ask for preventive measures to alleviate suffering, alienation and crime in this community. I once read a book where the author said: "Positive thinkers don't quit when they are faced with a mountain. They keep on striving... and turn their mountain into a gold mine." I seek affirmative actions to meet the total needs of the citizens of this community.

**SMD 9** Housing on even side of 4th, 5th to 11th Sts., between Virginia Ave. & M Sts. SE, on Virginia Ave., I, K, L & M Sts. between 4th & 11th Sts. SE.

**CHRISTINE PENDARVIS:** I want to improve conditions in my neighborhood. Some of the improvements I seek are: sufficient playgrounds for children; more recreational activities for youth; more sanitation equipment and better trash removal in the area.

**PRISCILLA E. WILSON:** Resident of Southeast for 20 years. Some of the things I would like to work toward are: better cooperation between NCHA and tenants; improved city services - street repair, street cleaning, trash removal. For a change I would like to see that something is done in Southeast and that the community would be involved in the overall planning for the Southeast area.

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**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** November 5, at River Park South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW, at 10 a.m. - handmade novelties and jewelry. Proceeds are for Scholarship Fund of D.C. Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA). ABWA is an educational association which promotes educational, cultural and social advancement of business women.

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER ANC MEETINGS

To make up for its August vacation, the SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2D) met twice in September. The ANC adopted a resolution submitted by Grace Savage (SMD 4) outlining the importance of the MIDI-BUS to SW and requesting the service be maintained. . . In a separate action, WMATA was asked to install BUS SHELTERS at all major stops in the ANC 2D area. . . Two letters to the Municipal Planning Office were adopted. One, drafted by Carol Cowgill, recommended that MPO's proposed city goals be adopted as resolution by the City Council, not as laws. The other, drafted by Wes Long (SMD 2) commented on the MPO Overall Economic Development Program for DC. . . The Commissioners endorsed Full Employment Week. . . A Committee on PUBLIC HOUSING Services and a committee on HOUSING and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT were approved as replacements for the Task Force on Public Housing. . . For more info call 554-1795.

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## SOLAR ENERGY ON SW WATERFRONT

Solar energy will soon begin heating half of Hogate's Seafood Restaurant's 10,000 gallons of water per day. Joe Wohlman project manager for the Marriot Corporation, owner of Hogate's - located at 9th street and Maine Ave., SW, said the 3 x 12 foot glass-faced panels on the roof and related tanks and pipes are being installed in a cost-sharing test with the Federal Energy and Research Development Administration., which will have full access to them for a five year period. They will be monitored intensively by ERDA for a year, and less intensively for four more, through electronic sensors. Wohlman estimated that they will begin tentative operation this month, and will test out the equipment for at least a month before it is placed in full operation. "We're excited about it," he said, noting that solar heating is similar to a car radiator in reverse, with inner fins absorbing heat and transferring it to water carrying tubes. It is expected to heat all the restaurant's water on some sunny days, none at all on others, averaging out to about 50 per cent. This project is one of 39 ERDA is installing on commercial establishments nationally. Hogate's will have a lobby display explaining it, giving solar heating information to home owners.

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## 10-14-77 BULLETIN: RENT CONTROL

The City Council will give a second and perhaps final reading to a weakened version of the present rent control law on Oct. 25 or Nov. 8. The new bill (2-152) allows larger and easier-to-get rent increases beginning with a 10% across-the-board increase for most new hi-rises, with an additional 10% possible a year later. Additional increases would be possible for various reasons including landlord "hardship"--and prior review by the DC Rent Office would not be required. . . . ANC 2D voted unanimously Oct. 12 to endorse the efforts of the Emergency Committee to Save Rent Control. . . . Area tenants concerned about keeping rent controls should call John Wilson and other Councilmembers at 724-8000.

## SW TENANT GROUPS ORGANIZING

Reflecting a city-wide trend, new tenant groups are forming throughout SW. Normally anomic high-rise dwellers are banding together to oppose rent increases and improve building conditions. Geoff Walker reports that tenants at 201 I have asked for an open meeting with management on Oct. 26 to discuss their grievances. At 301 G, according to Pat Jones, a tenants association has been formed to deal with security and "numerous" other problems. Channel Sq. tenants are angry, says Spencer Scott, about rent increases they have received because their building is not covered by DC's rent control law. At Finley House a questionnaire is being circulated to collect tenant concerns, while at Waterside Towers the tenant council is experiencing a rebirth of activity under Eric Sewell's leadership.

## SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY HOUSE - 56 YEARS OLD

The founding of Southwest Community House occurred in 1921. The interview with John Williams, new director of SWCH, in the October 1977 issue of The Southwester should have reported that SW House was founded 56 years ago. We regret the error.

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Admittance to the concert is free BUT TICKETS ARE REQUIRED and may be picked up at SE.U. any weekday from 10am to 7pm, af Oct. 24; or by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Tickets, Southeastern Univ., 6th & I SW, Wash. 20024. Please be sure to indicate number of tickets desired.



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## KATHY STIEF AND THE SOUTHWESTER HONORED BY D. C. FED. CIVIC ASSN.

For her diligent work on Southwest community concerns and seven years of continuous service on SWNA's Executive Board, Kathy Stief was named Grass Roots Honoree at the 47th annual Awards Dinner of the D. C. Federation of Civic Assns. held Oct. 22, at the Sheraton Park Hotel.

Also, winning the coveted Washington Post Trophy for the best community newsletter, was the SWNA's Southwester, presented by John H. Britton, the Post's public relations manager. The trophy will be "unveiled" at the SWNA's International Food & Fun Festival, Nov. 20.

They were in good company, because Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, a Southwest resident, was honored at the dinner by the NAACP.

Currently in her second term as president of SWNA, Mrs. Stief's dedicated service to the Southwest includes positions as secretary, chair of the Government Relations committee and co-chair of the Education committee for two years each. A resident of River Park Cooperative, she has been in the leadership of the continuous struggle with city officials and developers to preserve the character of the New Southwest.

The Southwester award honors the many volunteers responsible for reporting, composition, lay-out, advertisements and its distribution of the 8500 copies to the ANC 2D area. Mrs. Stief has been the managing editor for the last two years. Partially subsidized by the ANC 2D, the Southwester production costs are covered in the main by revenue from advertisements, and, when necessary, from the SWNA general funds.

... By John Ternus and Sally Alexander

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## DEC. 15 ??? M STREET RESTORED!

Metro Gen. Mgr. Lutz's office reports the following concerning the "restoration of M Street": "The contractor is behind schedule (What happened to the Aug. 19 date?); two shifts are working every day! restoration will be completed by Dec. 15."

LAND SPECULATION HITS S. CAP./ SEE BACKPAGE

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# DEC. 8TH LAST CHANCE TO VOICE OBJECTIONS TO ZONE PLAN WIPING OUT TOWN HOUSES IN SOUTHWEST

Southwest residents objections to the D. C. Zoning Commission proposals to remove protection for town houses and allow possible apartment construction in their places have been ignored. In addition, the recreation aspect of the Southwest water front will be changed to allow construction of high rise office buildings, light industrial plants, etc., thus removing the treasured vistas of the Potomac for residents housed in existing apartments.

Information about the proposed action was gained through investigation, not by official notification to the Assembly or the Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

Two of the exceptions to the public hearings held in the Southwest in January and September are being incorporated into the present proposals. These changes are: (1) The Waterside Mall, (Town Center) will remain unzoned, and (2) the walk-up apartments north of G Street will remain as is.

Assembly President Kathy Stief urges all concerned residents to make their views known to the D. C. Zoning Commission at its Dec. 8, 2 pm meeting in the District Bldg. Rm. 11-a. Although it is not a public hearing, it may be the last chance to effect any change in the Zoning Commission's proposed action for the Southwest.

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## ATHLETIC CLUB TRIES TO REVIVE OLD SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT

The Cavaliers Athletic Club, started in Southwest in the 1930s, was revived last year after a period of inactivity. Robert Smith, membership director, who grew up in Southwest in the 40s and 50s, remembers the many friendships formed with other players on the numerous neighborhood teams. "The old Southwest," he recalls, "though economically poor, was spiritually rich." The new Cavaliers want to reestablish this tradition of neighborhood athletic rivalry, Smith says, "as a mechanism to get at some of the social problems in the community." Southwest Community House is cooperating in setting up the Club's recreational and educational programs.

Since their revival, the Cavaliers have organized softball and football teams, both for adults. The football team competes in the D.C. Amateur League and practices at Greenleaf Recreation Field. Charles Butler coaches, assisted by Robert Johnson, former pro player. Young adults (18 years and older) living in Southwest are invited to join. Those interested in membership may call Smith at 248-6943 (home) and 763-7100 (office).

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## ANC ELECTION RESULTS

Unofficial returns from the Board of Elections indicate that Mair Moody bested Ethel Williams for SMD 5, Wanda Gross won over other write-ins in SMD 7, and Priscilla Wilson won over Christine Pendarvis in SMD 9. Incumbents Richard Westbrook, Wesley Long, and Clarence Green were returned to their seats in 1, 2, and 6, while Peggy Pinn, Grace Savage, and Mattie Andrews were elected for the first time to 3, 5, & 8; none were opposed.

## PAY AS YOU SWIM? RECREATION FEES STUDIED

Under Congressional pressure the DC Department of Recreation has carried out a feasibility study of charging for many of its activities.

The preliminary proposal calls for charging children 25¢ a swim; those over 17 would pay 50¢. Fees would also be set for the use of lighted fields, tennis courts, athletic equipment, sound equipment, indoor facilities and other services.

Despite the number of fees involved, the department estimates that they will return only \$315,000 a year to the city--a small sum when compared to department's \$18.4 million annual operating budget.

Interested readers may wish to share their ideas on this plan with Councilmember William Spaulding, who also requested that the study be undertaken, at 724-8000.

## WILSON TO ASK FOR HOUSING AUDIT AT ANC REQUEST

Following more than a year and half of work, the SW/SE ANC unanimously passed a resolution Oct. 12, with strong community support, requesting the City Council to direct the City Auditor to analyze the management of the city public housing and recommend improvements.

The resolution was personally presented to Councilmember John Wilson by a delegation including ANCommissioners Clarence Green, Wesley Long, and Chairperson Dick Westbrook; also participating, John Williams of SW House and Vivian Williams of Friendship House. Wilson told the group he would request the City Auditor's Office to carry out the requested study.

As back-ground, the ANC resolution pointed out many problems in the present operation of public housing. For instance, the housing maintenance division receives more work orders than it can complete, possibly because it has more than 80 vacancies. Although the city has only "obligated" 17 of the 38 million dollars it has received from the Federal government, city officials guesstimate they need \$80 million to bring public housing up to "minimal standards." (Meanwhile applicants for public housing are told they must wait 5 years and 1 month while there are vacant units boarded-up in Greenleaf Annex.)

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF NOV 9 ANC MEETING

Meeting Nov. 9 at 400 Eye Street SW, the SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2D) took the following actions:

\* Voted to OPPOSE the new ZONING regulations proposed for SW and tentatively approved by the the Zoning Commission on the grounds that the new plan would permit the character of SW to be changed; e.g. light industry would be allowed on the waterfront and townhouses could be replaced by hi-rises.

\* In view of the dwindling supply of volunteer help, a committee will be appointed to study the feasibility of the ANC providing further assistance to the SWNA in publishing the SWer.

\* Decided that developers of a new restaurant chain will be told that "SAMBO'S" is NOT a good choice for a name and that they should select a new one.

\* Gave GENERAL SUPPORT to the efforts of the DC LAW REVISION COMMISSION to revise the criminal code, and requested there be additional public education on the LRC proposals.

\* Approved giving continued ASSISTANCE to the residents of the SCSDArea (see related story).

THE NEXT ANC MEETING WILL BE DEC. 14. CALL 554-1795 for ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

# LAND SPECULATORS ON HALF STREET SE; TENANTS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS FIGHT BACK

Tenants and community groups are mobilizing to resist the efforts of land speculators to force the immediate dislocation of low and moderate income families in the so-called "South Capitol Street Development Area" (SCSDA), the area below M St. SE between S. Capitol St. and 1st St. SE.

On Sept. 29 three families on the 1200 block were told by the Floyd E. Davis Co. that they had until Jan. 1 to move out of their homes. On Nov. 4 T. Trittippoe sent a notice to all of the tenants from 1212 thru 1234 Half St. SE telling them that the owners of their homes were offering them for sale ("Price: \$258,000.00, Terms: Cash, Settlement: 30 days")

Vivian Williams of the South Capitol St. /Buzzard Point Committee calls these notices "scare tactics" and says that the tenants should not panic. She says that the Committee, which is made up of representatives of ANC 2D, Friendship House, SW Assembly and SW House, has been told by lawyers that the notices are also probably illegal.

These developments come in the wake of DC government efforts to spur redevelopment of the SCSDArea and the formal signing on Oct. 20 of a \$200,000 contract with the Pittsburgh-based Dravo Corp. to conduct a feasibility study of the area. Both DC government and Dravo officials, meanwhile, have registered concern that speculators might drive up prices to the point that the DC City Council would refuse to appropriate the money required to purchase the 40 acres making up the SCDA. This in turn would kill redevelopment plans.

The SCS/BP Committee is now busily at work alerting area residents of their rights (a community meeting is scheduled for Nov. 18 at St. Vincents Church) and looking for ways to block the proposed Jan. evictions. Among those assisting the Committee are Johnny Barnes of Walter Fauntroy's office and Eric Jones of John Wilson's office.

Barnes, a veteran of the fight by Seaton St. residents to hang on to their homes, says that the best way for SCSDA tenants to avoid eviction is to buy their homes, and he assures them that they can do it even if they are retired and living on fixed incomes. Jeff Morris of Peptual S&L, which helped the Seaton St. group, says that his bank is interested in doing the same for Half St. SE tenants.

Area residents wanting more information or wishing to assist the SCS/BP Committee should call Vivian Williams or Art Walker at 547-8880.

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# U. S. ARMY CHAMBER SINGERS -DEC. 4

The Southwest community is invited by Fort McNair's Post-Commander, Col. William Eaton, to attend a free concert at the Post Chapel on Sun. Dec. 4 at 6 pm. The U. S. Army Chamber Singers will present a concert of Christmas music. Reception with cookies and punch follows the program. Welcome will be given by Chaplain Snider of Fort McNair; Clarence Green, SW community representative will give brief comment; and the closing prayer will be given by Pastor Harold S. Goers of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.



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